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Applicant: Muimo et al.)
 Serial No.: To be assigned)
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 For: METHODS OF DETERMINING)
 ALTERED NDPK FUNCTIONS)
 AND THE DIAGNOSIS OF)
 CYSTIC FIBROSIS)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application
 as follows:

In the Specification:

Please insert the following new paragraph on page 1,
 line 2 prior to the first paragraph:

"This application is a continuation of PCT/GB00/00736,
 filed March 2, 2000, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional
 Patent Application Serial No. 60/122,426, filed March 2, 1999,
 which are hereby incorporated by reference."

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 6, 12, 13, 20, 23, 32, 33, 36,
 39, 40, 45 and 48, cancel claims 24, 27, 38 and 42 and insert
 new claims 51-57 as follows: